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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO EMBOFF TO VISIT BURU ISLAND

REF: JAKARTA 3042

1. WE AGREE THAT VISIT TO BURU ISLAND BY POLITICAL
COUNSELOR GARDNER WOULD BE USEFUL. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED
TO ACCEPT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S INVITATION.

2. WE WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, WANT VISIT TO BE CONSTRUED AS
ENDORSEMENT OF INDONESIA'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES NOR TO
HAVE IT EXPLOITED FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS PURPOSES. ACCORD-
INGLY, ACCEPTANCE SHOULD BE CONDITIONAL UPON CLEAR
UNDERSTANDING ON PART INDONESIANS THAT THERE BE NO PRESS
COVERAGE OF THE VISIT BEYOND, AT MOST, BRIEF FACTUAL REPORT
THAT POLCOUNS HAS VISITED ISLAND.

3. WE WOULD NOT WANT POLCOUNS VISIT TO APPEAR IN ANY
SENSE AS AN "INVESTIGATION" OF CONDITIONS ON BURU BY USG
OFFICIAL. AT SAME TIME, WE WOULD BE MUCH INTERESTED IN
FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT OF ACTUAL CONDITIONS ON BURU. WOULD
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ALSO BE HELPFUL TO ASCERTAIN, TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, INDO-
NESIAN PLANS FOR SETTLING DETAINEES ON BURU AFTER THEIR RE-
LEASE, FOR ASSISTING FAMILIES IN JOINING THEM THERE, ETC.

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